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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
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Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: SAN GABRIEL CANYON SEDIMENT
MANAGEMENT PLAN
BIOLOGICAL AND WATER QUALITY MONITORING
AWARD CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to enter into a consultant services agreement to provide biological and water quality monitoring and reporting services to comply with the conditions of the permits obtained to implement the San Gabriel Canyon Sediment Management Plan to remove sediment from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District's three reservoirs in San Gabriel Canyon.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

Award and delegate authority to the Acting Chief Engineer or his designee, on behalf of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, to enter into a consultant services agreement with Chambers Group, Inc., to perform biological and water quality monitoring in San Gabriel Canyon and prepare monitoring reports for a not-to-exceed fee of \$1,050,000 for the first two years. The agreement allows the option to extend the services for one additional year for \$500,000 for a maximum aggregate not-to-exceed fee of \$1,550,000.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to retain Chambers Group, Inc., to perform biological and water quality monitoring and prepare monitoring reports in San Gabriel Canyon as required by environmental regulatory permits. The agreement's scope of services also includes optional tasks for relocation of fish if needed. The work involves assessment and minimizing the environmental impacts of the reservoir sediment removal projects implemented under the San Gabriel Canyon Sediment Management Plan (SMP). In 1998, your Board approved and certified the SMP's Environmental Impact Report, which covered routine sediment removal projects. In 2004, your Board certified a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the SMP to implement an emergency sediment project that was performed at San Gabriel Reservoir in the wake of the 2002 Williams Fire. Several Federal and State agencies issued permits for implementation of the SMP, including the postfire sediment removal project. Monitoring is required until 2011 to comply with the Federal and State agency permit requirements that continue for the postfire sediment removal project and the requirements to prepare for future routine cleanouts in Cogswell, San Gabriel, and Morris Reservoirs.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Community Services (Goal 6) by maintaining the flood protection and water conservation capacities of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District's (LACFCD) reservoirs in San Gabriel Canyon and Organizational Effectiveness (Goal 3) by allowing efficient and effective use of consultant services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund. The cost for these services is for a not-to-exceed fee of \$1,050,000 for the first two years with the option to extend the services for an additional one-year term for \$500,000 for a maximum aggregate not-to-exceed fee of \$1,550,000. Funding is available in the Flood Control District Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The agreement and its scope of work contain provisions requiring the consultant to comply with the terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs, including but not limited to: County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers,

Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for agreement termination or renegotiation.

The agreement and its scope of work contain provisions requiring the consultant to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the agreement if it is found that the consultant offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

A standard consultant services agreement, previously approved as to form by County Counsel, will be used. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for agreement termination, renegotiation, and hiring qualified displaced County employees will be included.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This agreement for consultant services is categorically exempt from the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as specified in Sections 15304(d) and 15306 of the CEQA Guidelines. The tasks under this agreement are for the purpose of complying with permits issued for an emergency project to protect life and property following the 2002 Williams Fire and to comply with permit requirements for future projects that were set to collect information on fish and wildlife resources and implement measures to protect them.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On April 9, 2008, the Department of Public Works (Public Works), acting on behalf of the LACFCD, issued Request for Proposals to 38 consulting firms to provide biological and water quality monitoring services. Four proposals were received. An evaluation committee, comprised of staff from Public Works, evaluated the proposals and determined Chambers Group, Inc., is a qualified, responsible proposer providing the best overall value for the proposal. The evaluation was based on technical expertise, proposed work plan, experience, personnel qualifications, and an understanding of the work requirements. The evaluation was completed without regard to race, creed, color, or gender.

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As requested by your Board on February 3, 1998, and to further increase consultant awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, this agreement opportunity was listed on the County's "Doing Business with Us" website.

Participation by Community Business Enterprises (CBEs) in these services is encouraged through Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and the requirement that consultants demonstrate their good faith efforts to utilize CBEs. Chambers Group, Inc., is aware of Public Works' CBE Outreach Program, and its proposed CBE participation is on file with Public Works.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended services.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Water Resources Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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c: County Counsel
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Department of Public Works (Architectural Engineering)